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SUBJECT: CSCE: TURKISH EXEMPTION FOR MANEUVER CBM

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1. IN DISCUSSION OF UK "PACKAGE DEAL" FOR CBM'S WITHIN NATO CAUCUS ON JUNE 24, UK ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO PROPOSE TO SOVIETS THE TURKISH PREFERENCE FOR EXCEPTION CLAUSE AS GIVEN IN FOOTNOTE 10 REFTEL. PRIOR TO CAUCUS, UK HAD REASSURED GREEK DELEGATION THAT SOVIETS WOULD BE EXTREMELY UNLIKELY TO ACCEPT TURKISH VERSION, BUT THAT UK BELIEVED IT NECESSARY TO PUT FORMULA TO SOVIETS BECAUSE TURKS HAD FAILED TO YIELD TO PLEAS OF VIRTUALLY ALL OTHER ALLIES TO RECONSIDER, AND TO WORK WITH THE UK ALTER-  
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NATIVE GIVEN IN THE SAME FOOTNOTE.

2. DESPITE PRIOR CONSULTATIONS WITH BRITISH, GREEK REP REGISTERED IMMEDIATE PROTEST IN JUNE 24 CAUCUS AND AMPLIFIED ON THIS IN CAUCUS IN EARLY MORNING OF JUNE 25. SPEAKING UNDER TELEPHONE INSTRUCTIONS ON JUNE 25, GREEK REP SAID THAT IF TURKS WOULD ONLY ANNOUNCE MANEUVERS IN LIMITED FRONTIER ZONES, ATHENS WOULD INSIST ON SIMILAR ZONE OF EXCEPTION FOR GREECE, AND MAKE THIS KNOWN TO OTHER CSCE PARTICIPANTS. DEPTH OF ZONE IN GREECE WOULD DEPEND ON ZONE ESTABLISHED FOR USSR AND TURKEY. GREEK REP SAID THAT HE REALIZED THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONE IN GREECE WOULD HAVE REPERCUSSIONS FOR OTHER CSCE PARTICIPANTS LIKE BULGARIA, AND MIGHT LEAD BACK TOWARDS ORIGINAL BORDER ZONE CONCEPT NOW ABANDONED BY USSR. FOR THIS REASON, HE SAID GREECE HAD EXERCISED UTMOST RESTRAINT UP TO NOW, BUT COULD NOT CONTINUE TO DO SO IF UK WAS GOING TO CONSULT SOVIETS USING TURKISH AREA TEXT. GREEK REP SAID THERE WERE NO MILITARY CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED, BUT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ATHENS, FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL REASONS, TO CONCUR IN EXCEPTION OF MAJOR PORTION OF TURKISH TERRITORY FROM OBLIGATION OF CBM'S IF ALL GREED TERRITORY WERE COVERED BY MANEUVERS MEASURE.

4. CBM EXEPTS EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR GREEK DIFFICULTIES, BUT REGISTERED UNANIMOUS DISMAY THAT ISSUE MIGHT GET BEYOND ALLIANCE AND BECOME PUBLIC DISPUTE AT CSCE. FOR THIS REASON, CAUCUS AGREED THAT HEADS OF DELEGATIONS SHOULD MEET URGENTLY ON ISSUE BEFORE GREEKS DISCUSSED PROBLEM WITH NEUTRALS OR PACT REPS.

5. DURING SUBSEQUENT BILATERAL MEETING, UK REP AGAIN REASSURED GREED CHIEF OF DEL THAT SOVIETS WOULD TURN DOWN TURKISH FORMULA, AND LATTER AGREED TO DEFER IMPLEMENTATION OF HIS INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MOMENT.

6. CHIEFS OF DELS MEETING ON SUBJECT HAS THUS BEEN DEFERRED, BUT ISSUE REMAINS EXTREMELY VOLATILE, AND IT IS HARD TO PREDICT WHAT STEPS TURKS WILL TAKE IF THEIR FORMULA IS INDEED REJECTED BY SOVIETS, SINCE DELEGATION CLAIMS THEY HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO FLEXIBILITY ON CONFIDENTIAL

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